

NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Employment and other activities outside the Government are permitted if not incompatible with a Government position, which can be for a reason listed below.

employment or position with a foreign government - serving as an attorney, agent, or paid representative before a Federal agency or Federal court teaching, speaking, or writing for pay if related to agency duties **ACTIVITY IS** - providing legal services in a matter in which the U.S. **PROHIBITED BY** Government has an interest (for members of a bar) LAW - employment or operating a business outside the United States (for U.S. employees serving overseas) - compensation above the amount allowed or a position or affiliation with a professional firm with a fiduciary relationship with clients (for senior political appointees) disqualification is required regarding a matter, including a policy matter, that will have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of a non-Federal **ACTIVITY REQUIRES** employer or an organization in which the employee **RECUSAL FROM** serves as a director or officer, including an effect on the **PERFORMING** employer or organization as a member of an industry **IMPORTANT** - disqualification is required regarding a matter in which a AGENCY DUTIES non-Federal employer, client, or business associate is a party or represents a party (unless authorization to participate is issued based on the needs of the agency) - may apply if the activity is closely related to the work of **ACTIVITY CREATES** the employee's office so that the activity may create an AN APPEARANCE appearance of misuse of nonpublic information OF A MISUSE OF - may apply if the activity entails work with people, GOVERNMENT companies, or organizations with dealings with the **POSITION** employee's office so the activity may create an appearance of preferential treatment TIME PROBLEM - duty hours conflict with outside responsibilities

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